

pancakes, and two sausages. He would teach the boy everything from having a napkin on his lap at the dinner table to stock options.

For years to come, Andrew would attend hundreds of sporting events for the boy, show him the value of reading, reinforce manners, and build his self-confidence.

Andrew would be the only person the boy would talk to if he lost a wrestling match. He would be the first person the boy would call for advice. Mr. Speaker, he would be the first person the boy would call from a tent hospital after being injured as a soldier in the deserts of Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, that little boy is me.

We can all seek out mentors in our own lives and we can all be mentors for others. We are all in this together. Never underestimate the big impact that you can make with a little contribution of your time, wisdom, and attention.

#### AMERICA IS JUDGED BY THEIR ACTIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. AL GREEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, once again, I have the superlative pleasure of speaking from the well of the Congress of the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a liberated Democrat.

I rise today to speak truth to power.

I rise today, Mr. Speaker, to remind us that, although we are the leaders of the free world, we will not be received as the leaders of the free world if we are perceived as the leader of world-wide bigotry.

I rise today, Mr. Speaker, to remind us that we won't be received as the leaders of the free world if we are perceived as being anti-immigration when it comes to Muslims and, as a result, xenophobic.

We won't be received as leaders of the free world if we are perceived as homophobic because we are anti-transgender.

We won't be received as leaders of the free world if we are perceived as anti-Africa because it is a continent of s---hole countries. We will be perceived, quite frankly, and received as racist if we do so.

Mr. Speaker, if we are to maintain our preeminence in the world, we must not be perceived as the bigots of the world.

Mr. Speaker, the solution can be an election in 2020, or it can be impeachment tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, I will bring impeachment before the Congress of the United States of America again tomorrow sometime after 9 a.m. and before we leave for our break.

Mr. Speaker, history is watching. We will be judged by our actions. Time will tell. I will be on the right side of history.

#### CELEBRATING 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCOTT'S DOWNTOWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Scott's Downtown in Gainesville, Georgia. Recently, the restaurant celebrated its 10th anniversary, and, to mark this achievement, the staff chose to honor local law enforcement with a luncheon.

When Scott Dixon first opened Scott's Downtown in 2007, he took the first step in pursuing his long-held dream.

Scott began bussing tables at the age of 13 and worked his way up the ladder in the restaurant industry. Over the course of his career, he has developed a passion for brightening people's days with food and a friendly heart.

A decade in, Scott's Downtown is a Gainesville favorite, known for providing residents with exceptional food. Rather than highlight this success, however, Scott's Downtown points to the courage and service of our law enforcement officials who put their lives on the line each day to protect our community.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Scott's Downtown on their first 10 years of service, and I join them in thanking the brave men and women in blue who make Gainesville a safe and beautiful place to live.

#### CELEBRATING Z. BROWN DISTILLERY'S 500TH BARREL OF BOURBON

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the staff at Z. Brown Distillery in Dahlonega, Georgia, in celebrating their 500th barrel of northeast Georgia bourbon.

The partnership of master distiller Jeff Odem; his wife, Diane Kelly; and Dahlonega native and Grammy award-winning musician Zac Brown is great news for Lumpkin County. They are turning local crops into high-quality, small-batch spirits. In the span of a few weeks, business has already taken off with the construction of two new buildings for expansion.

My friends and neighbors in northeast Georgia can agree that it's the little things in life that mean the most. This distillery captures the warm, inviting nature of the Georgia mountains in its product.

The distillery welcomes visitors from near and far, and leaves them with a greater appreciation for the tastes of Appalachia. I congratulate Z. Brown Distillery on its success, and I wish its team the best as their young business branches out in northeast Georgia.

#### JOINING HANDS IN THE MARCH FOR LIFE

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 45th annual March for Life, which takes place this Friday.

Across our country, Americans will help defend innocent lives by giving them a clear voice in Washington. We are a nation of people who strive to fight for individual freedoms, yet we

deprive the unborn of their most fundamental liberty: the right to a birthday.

As a father of three, a pastor, and an Air Force chaplain, I believe we have a sacred responsibility to protect the lives of the unborn. Every life has value and every child deserves a birthday.

This week, the House will vote to increase protections for unborn Americans through the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. This legislation would ensure that a child born after a failed abortion attempt receives the same life-giving medical care that any newborn would receive. The bill would also prohibit medical providers from continuing the abortion procedure postbirth.

No one should be able to end another person's life, no matter how small, for convenience. Northeast Georgians value life, and I am thankful to join them in the fight against abortion and to promote bright futures for all Americans—the born and unborn—among us.

To the father, it is mentioned many times, that you care for your children. On these days and this week, I harken back almost 26 years ago to when my daughter, Jordan, was born. Jordan was born with spina bifida. When many said to my wife and me that we had choices to end, I am happy to say that almost every day I wake up to a text from my daughter that says: "Good morning, Daddy. I'm headed to work."

All life is precious. All life deserves a chance. Every day I am blessed with the knowledge that the choice we made, and the choice that we would have always made, was for our precious daughter, Jordan, and for all of those who are seeking a birthday.

#### RECOGNIZING ANDREA JUNG AND GRAMEEN BANK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) for 5 minutes.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Grameen America for opening a new facility in Miami, and to recognize its president and CEO, Andrea Jung.

Grameen America is a nonprofit microfinance organization that, for over 10 years, has been dedicated to helping women in poverty create and expand small businesses in their communities.

Last month, Grameen opened its first branch in Miami, where it hopes to serve 7,000 women over the next 5 years and disburse more than \$21.5 million in loans. What a difference that will make.

Mr. Speaker, today, sadly, more than 20 percent of women in my county—Miami-Dade County—are living in poverty. These loans will empower them to become active players in strengthening south Florida's economy.

This organization is spearheaded by Andrea Jung, who, from a young age, understood the important value of empowering women to become financially independent.